

## **Further clarification of the ADP Co-Chairs on the mode of work of the focus groups during the second reading of the Negotiating Text**

**5 June**

In the nine bilateral meetings held at the request of Parties during the first reading of the Negotiating Text (NT) as well as through the 12 interventions made on behalf of Parties during the stock-taking meeting at the second part of the ninth session of the Ad hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action held in Bonn, on 4 June 2015, Parties expressed their satisfaction with the method of work suggested for the first reading of the NT contained in the Scenario Note dated 5 May 2015. They were of the view that the focus groups are working owing to the strong desire of all Parties to engage in constructive negotiation to deliver the necessary outcomes expected from this session.

However views were unanimous that the pace of work is slow and needs to be accelerated. Accordingly, the second reading of the NT should aim to accelerate the streamlining and consolidation of paragraphs in the NT. To this end, the Co-Chairs suggested the following five elements to guide the Parties in the second reading of the NT in the established focus groups:

- Continue streamlining, consolidating paragraphs;
- Unpack paragraphs and try to regroup paragraphs within sections;
- Make options clear;
- If required, further clarify concepts within sections and in relation to the text;
- Identify potential paragraphs to be included in an accompanying draft decision or decisions.

### **In addition, focus groups:**

- Work from the easiest to the more complicated material in the text;
- Ensure that no Party is left behind and that the Parties are comfortable with and agree to the results of the focus group;
- Notes and observations from facilitators on the way forward may be useful;
- Consistent with the elements contained in the further clarification on the mode of work issued on 30 May, the pace of the work may be different bearing in the nature and the content of the paragraphs;
- The issue of the status of brackets versus slashes will be addressed at a later stage.

### **Consistent with the first reading:**

- Inputs are published on the web;
- Results of focus groups are agreed in the focus group, published on the web and reported to the contact group;
- Parties must be comfortable with the result of the focus groups prior to these being incorporated into the working document;
- Maintain full transparency in the process.

The next stock-taking meeting will be held at Monday, 8 June 2015, at 10 a.m.